

D. C. MILITIA GETS ORDER FOR PRACTICE MARCH AND BATTLE

Men Spend Sunday in Camp Swimming, Sightseeing, and Exploring.

ABSENTEES ARE CAPTURED

Officers of Third Entertainment West Virginia Regiment at Breakfast and Dinner.

CAMP WILSON, San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 22.—The District Militiamen are enjoying another holiday, dividing their time between swimming, exploring and attending religious services. All of them were interested today in official announcement that they will participate in practice marches and battles Monday and Wednesday nights. General Greene and General Hill also are attending a division hike, considering a distance from camp in which the militia guardsmen will take part. One Young was today advised of capture of two militiamen at Houston. They have been absent without leave since shortly after the Third Regiment reached here. The soldiers are R. Gilbert and Joseph O. Hoon, both of Company F. They said to have claimed they were denied, but Captain Hathaway disbelieved them.

Colonel Young has ordered both men brought here for trial. Entertained at Breakfast. The officers of the Third entertained Colonel Morrison and other officers of the Second West Virginia Regiment at breakfast and dinner today. The West Virginians arrived here late last night. A company of signal corps and engineers and a field hospital corps from Richmond, Va., arrived here this morning. The West Virginians are camped on the District boys' drill field. They will remain there until the Second Kansas regiment leaves here Tuesday. The Washington men will drill on the roads for two days.

Lieutenant Boyd in Uniform. Lieut. Robert S. Boyd, of Company K, appeared in his officers' uniform for the first time today. His commission, sent to the White House August 4, was received here last night. Second Lieut. Victor H. Dent has been promoted to a first lieutenant. District soldiers were jubilant today over the fact that several Washington pugilists in their ranks knocked out opponents from the Seventh Illinois regiment at the squared circle last night. The Y. M. C. A. building, in which the fights were staged, was almost wrecked by the crowd of soldiers. Nothing available on Mexico now. Funston may have something before press time.

WANT MORE ARMS FOR STATE TROOPS

War Department Officials Suggest Increased Equipment.

War Department officials are considering a request to Congress to increase the allotment to National Guard troops for arms, stores and equipment owing to the inequality shown in a distribution just made. The District National Guard is one of the greatest sufferers, receiving only \$2,440 from the allotment while the State of New Jersey, for instance, receives more than \$100,000, and New York receives approximately \$200,000. Unequal distribution of the \$2,000,000 fund provided by the national defense act resulted from a provision of the act requiring an apportionment on the numerical strength of the guard at the time the act passed, August 29. On that day there were only seventy-nine men in the District National Guard in the service of the United States. The States which received largest apportionments were those that were slowest in mustering their guardsmen into the Federal service.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST BAD CHECK EVIL

An active campaign to stamp out the bad check evil will be inaugurated this week by the Retail Merchants' Association when Secretary Charles J. Columbus will lay before District Attorney Laskey several cases and ask for prosecutions. Mr. Laskey has assured the association of his cooperation in the campaign and a number of conferences have been held between officers of the association and members of the district attorney's staff. The association endeavored to have a bad check law enacted by the recent Congress, but the measure failed in committee. Another effort will be made as soon as Congress reconvenes. Meanwhile, it is believed that a number of cases can be brought under the laws already on the statute books. Through Secretary Columbus the association has requested all business men of Washington to report the names and addresses of all persons who have given bad checks. This information is to be used to protect merchants of the city and, where possible, to bring about prosecutions.

Tugs to Have Telephones For Use in Harbor Work

Tugs engaged in harbor service for the Lehigh Valley Railroad will soon be equipped with telephones. When a tug touches at one of the company's piers without leaving the pilot house the captain will be able to call up the tug dispatcher at Jersey City on a private wire, report his arrival and learn what he is to do next. To make this possible cut-in boxes are being placed on the ends of each of the Lehigh Valley piers in New York, Brooklyn, Jersey City, and the Bronx. The result will not only prove a big time-saver, it is believed, but the railroad management expects the idea will greatly increase the efficiency of its tugs and barges.

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STORY TELLERS TO LOCATE IN CAPITAL

National League Will Establish Its Headquarters Here.

Definite announcement has been made that the headquarters of the National Story Tellers' League are to be brought to Washington. Richard Thomas Wyche, president of the organization, made this announcement here yesterday. He expects to live here after November 1. A Washington branch of the society now is being formed. A meeting for organization will be held on Friday evening at the New Willard Hotel. Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, is a member of the advisory board. The object of the organization is to encourage the art of story telling among men, women and children. The organization was founded in 1903, and it now has 1,200 members.

VETERANS OF SOUTH PLAN BIG REUNION

Southern Railway Official Estimates Big Crowd Here for Confederate Event.

The largest crowd of Confederate veterans who have ever attended a reunion of their organization will be present at the reunion to be held in Washington next spring, the members of the finance committee have been informed. H. F. Cary, general passenger agent

of the Southern railway, chairman of the committee, told his fellow members at a meeting at the New Willard last night that he had made a careful estimate and he believes the attendance will be greater than ever before. Mr. Cary said the committee also that the attendance of veterans and their families will be greatly increased through the fact that there will be reunions and conventions of many affiliated organizations at the same time the veterans are meeting. The finance committee for the reunion is to be organized along lines that are slightly different from similar organizations in the past. The subscriptions to be secured will be taken up in the form of notes which will be negotiable as the committee needs funds. Mr. Cary stated he thought a fund of \$50,000 would be sufficient to provide for the entertainment of the veterans. Col. Robert W. Harper, chairman of the general committee of arrangements made a brief address to the committee in which he told that had been accomplished in the work of organizing for the entertainment of the veterans.

Watches Wife And Parents Work Hard

Peasant Soldier Cannot Help Them Because He Is on Active Guard Duty.

PARIS, Oct. 22.—A middle-aged man in full health stands idly smoking a pipe. Across the road his wife, his young daughters, and his aged parents labor unceasingly in the fields, getting in the crops which they patiently sowed last spring when he stood idly by smoking his pipe as now. Lazy? Not a bit of it. He is a French peasant of the toiling, untiring kind. But he wears the long blue coat and baggy red trousers of a territorial of the French army and he carries a

magazine rifle with fixed bayonet all the time he is on duty. He is guarding the railway line to prevent spies or vandals from attempting to interfere with the movements of troops or supplies. Two years he has stood there. Mobilized since August 3, 1914, he dropped his agricultural implements and seized his arms. Just too old for the trenches he has been put on interior guard duty, and is fortunate enough to be stationed right opposite his home. Perhaps if he has a kindly colonel he is permitted to sleep at home, otherwise he must walk away from his house and stay in the nearest barracks while he is not on active duty.

Coffee Kills Baby.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 22.—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Higgins, of Mulga, is dead as a result of burns received when a cup of hot coffee was spilled on her. The child lingered several days following the accident.

MOTOR LAUNCH IS DAMAGED BY FLAMES

Backfire of Engine Starts Fire on Cawn.

The motor launch, Cawn, owned by Charles Cogswell, of 56 N street southwest, was partly destroyed by fire, which was started by the back fire from the engine, while the boat was lying off Washington Barracks early today. Three young men who were on the craft summoned the police motor boat, which was near by, but the flames spread so rapidly that the fireboat, fire ladder, had to leave its dock and play a stream on the burning launch. The damage is estimated at \$500. No one was injured.

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